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WHEN SEVEN AIRMEN WENT UNDERGROUND

Seven R.A.F. men stationed in Cyprus have been tasting the thrills of potholing. They have been exploring caves in the Kyrenia Mountains, and, incidentally, have found ancient pottery dating from 3200 B.C. to A.D. 700.

During a weekend expedition into the mountains, the seven men came upon a small opening in the rock leading into a low narrow tunnel. With miner's lamps attached to their heads and electric torches in their hands, they crawled along the tunnel, reaching a sheer drop of about 25 feet. Descending on their nylon ropes, they found themselves in a huge cavern where startled bats flapped around them, and stalactites and stalagmites glittered in the light of their torches.

They got the impression that a huge landslide had taken place inside the cavern, bringing down

an avalanche of rocks and small stones from the roof. It was among this rubble, in crevices and galleries, that they found the pottery.

Examination of their finds has shown them to belong to three distinct periods—Neolithic, Bronze Age, and early Byzantine—and all adding to knowledge of life in Cyprus 5000 years ago.

The R.A.F. men also found bronze coins, and a number of human and animal bones.

NEVER ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

Maureen Sampson of Middlesbrough has been presented with a pen and pencil for a remarkable record: in eleven years she has never once been absent from school. Her sister Pauline, who is now 18, had a similar record.

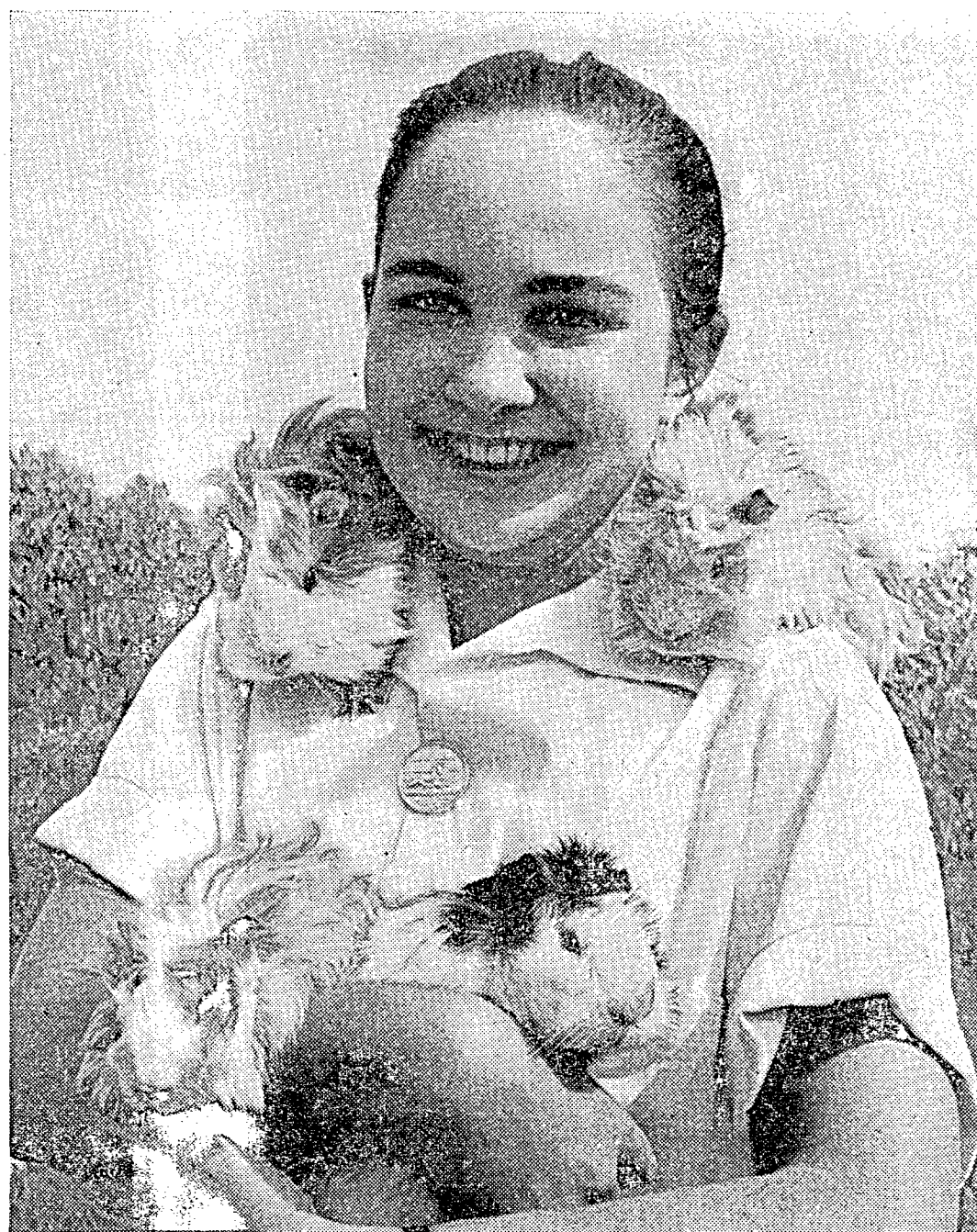
New Telescope for £28,000,000

A radio telescope bigger than the one at Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, is being built in a lonely spot near Sugar Grove, Virginia. The British radio telescope cost £800,000; the American one will cost £28,000,000, and when completed (in 1962) it will be the world's biggest movable structure.

It is designed to receive radio waves from a distance of 38,000 million light years—waves that

have been travelling for 38,000 million years since first emitted from somewhere in the depths of space.

The scientists operating the gigantic instrument will travel to work rather more slowly—presumably on bicycles. No cars will be allowed, a regulation having been made forbidding any man-made electrical interference within two miles of the site.



Fur collar and cuff

One of the hostesses at the Children's Zoo in London finds that guinea-pigs make attractive trimming for a working outfit.

Fortnightly mouse for the Flying Officer

Pilot Officer Fred Aldrovandi has been promoted to Flying Officer. There would appear to be nothing unusual in that announcement; but the fact is that Fred is an Aldrovandi Italian rock snake five feet long!

He belongs to No. 88 Squadron, R.A.F., stationed at Wildenrath, Germany. They had long sought a mascot to represent their badge—a snake poised to strike. But when Fred arrived, the airmen gave him a wide berth until he was certified non-poisonous.

He is a very friendly creature, though much given to absence without leave. He is invited to parties—"gate-crashes" others—and always make a snake-line for his "keeper," Flying Officer Geoffrey Pendlebury, in whose room he lives in a warm box. Fred has been for trips in jets, and has got in 15 flying hours in Canberras.

Fred Aldrovandi's mess bill is modest. All he needs is an occasional drink of water and a fortnightly mouse.

Around the world on a tandem

Two young Somerset men, David Hartopp and John Pople, have started a round-the-world trip by tandem. Behind their machine is a seven-foot trailer carrying their camping and cooking equipment, plus a colour film outfit and tape-recorder that will enable them to make a sound and picture record of the long journey.

Their intention is to cycle across Europe to Turkey, and then through Persia, Pakistan, India, Burma, and Malaya to Singapore. Then they will board a ship to Australia, where they hope to find work until they have earned enough money to start a return journey via Canada and the United States.

They reckon that the trip will take them nearly three years.

BEWARE OF THE BOSTON BARKER

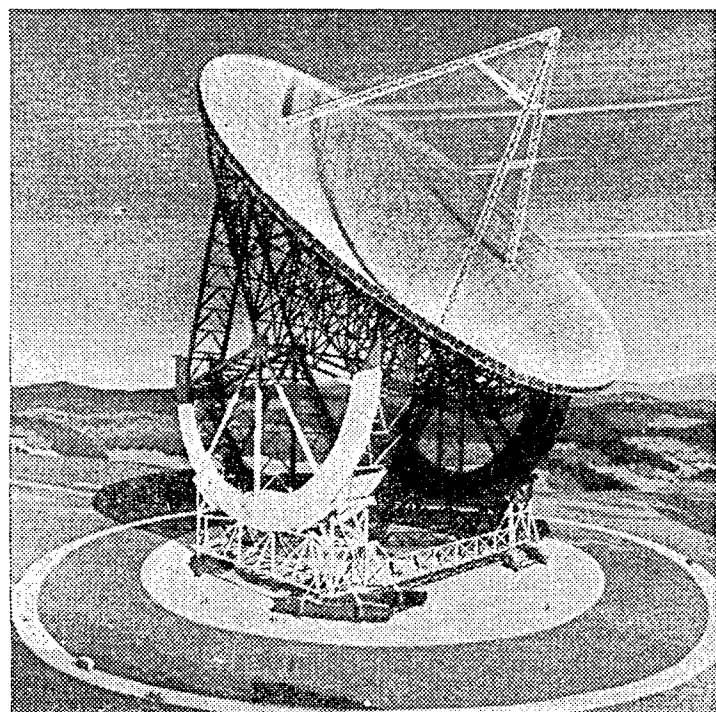
The city authorities of Boston, U.S.A., have found a smart way of catching people who keep a dog without a licence.

One of their inspectors who is clever at making animal noises goes round the streets barking. Whenever a dog replies from house or flat he calls on the owner and asks to see his dog licence.

Leading ladies on the land

More and more girls are taking to farming, and the Devonshire Farmers' Championship has been won by 22-year-old Margaret Withers of Whimble. She was awarded the Martin Cup at the annual rally of the Devon Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs.

The two runners-up were also girls—Jean Daniel of Honiton, and Heather Quance of Little Torrington.



Ancient ceremony when Parliament opens

By the CN Parliamentary Correspondent

AS soon as the new Commons has elected a new Speaker the way will be clear for the State Opening of Parliament on October 27.

This time the ancient ceremony, of which the central feature is the reading of the Queen's Speech from the Throne in the House of Lords, must be performed in her absence because the Queen is expecting a baby. So her Speech will be read by the Lord Chancellor, sitting with a Commission of Peers appointed to open Parliament in the Sovereign's absence.

The last time this happened was in November 1951. Because of King George VI's grave illness the Parliament elected in the October of that year, was opened by a Commission of Peers and the King's Speech was read in his absence by Lord Chancellor Simonds.

Londoners and visitors will miss the thrill of the Queen's colourful drive to Westminster. Older Parliamentarians will remember when, as Princess Elizabeth, she attended a State opening for the first time in October 1947. Wearing a flowing pink gown, she sat on a little gilt stool on the Throne dais listening as her father read the Speech.

One of the chief factors in the State opening of Parliament is the attitude of the Commons to the Speech from the Throne.

Programme outlined

The Speech is not written by the Sovereign nor by the Lord Chancellor, who, on this occasion, will read it to the assembled Lords and Commons. It is largely prepared by the Prime Minister of the day and his advisers and submitted to the Sovereign.

Broadly it is a record of the immediate Parliamentary past and an expression of future intentions. For most people its main interest lies in the programme of work outlined for the coming session. The Speech outlines the Bills the Government means to introduce.

Before the State opening the

Lords and Commons meet in their separate chambers. Soon afterwards Black Rod, the messenger of the peers, is sent to the Commons.

His reception there recalls what happened when Charles I and his soldiers burst into the Commons chamber in January 1642 in a vain attempt to arrest the Five Members who had challenged his authority. Black Rod now no sooner approaches the Commons chamber than the door is slammed in his face. He has to knock three times with his ebony rod before he is admitted.

Courteous advance

Then, advancing courteously up the chamber, he commands "this honourable House" to attend the Sovereign in the House of Peers. This time, as the Queen is not present, he will use this formula:

"The Lords Commissioners desire the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the commission read."

The Speaker and M.P.s will then walk in procession to the Bar of the Lords chamber to hear the Speech read. Later they will return to the Commons, where the Speaker will repeat the Speech to the House.

But this is not done immediately. To this day the House of Commons reserves the right to consider the Speech in its own good time: it has never forgotten

that attempt to arrest the five Members in 1642.

So we shall find the Commons first approving certain sessional orders which control the traffic around Westminster, and then solemnly giving a first reading to a Bill which will never pass into law—the Outlawries Bill, which has been "on the stocks" since the 17th century.

Only then will the Speaker read the Speech. When Parliament was at loggerheads with the Crown the Sovereign would not give the Commons a copy of his Speech. Today the Speaker—"for the purpose of greater accuracy"—always has one!

Separate debates

After it has been read, both Houses separately begin the Debate on the Address. The official reason for this debate is to express the thanks of Parliament to the Sovereign for the Speech, but, in fact, it enables both Houses to range over all the issues of policy outlined in the Speech. The debate usually lasts about six days. It is one of the major debates of the session.

If the Opposition moves an amendment to the Address, this is in effect a motion of censure against the Government. And if the amendment is carried (passed) the Government must resign.

POTATO HOLIDAY

Owing to the fine summer the Scottish schoolchildren's Tattie Howkin (potato-lifting) holiday in the counties of Kinross and Perth fell earlier than usual this year.

This holiday is taken annually in the potato-growing areas and is hard work. Hours are from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. with an hour for lunch and two 15-minute breaks.

The potato plants grow in rows called drills and each worker is assigned a portion of a drill, about 18 yards long, marked off by branches of whin (gorse). The

A hailstone weighing nearly 4½ lb. was found after a storm at Jambul, in the Southern Kazakhstan region of Russia.

The interiors of all Swedish lifeboats are to be painted orange to make them more visible from the air.

Can you beat this ?



A girl tries her hand at one of the drums during an Army Display at Aldershot

In a bundle of old books which cost him six shillings, a Camberley man found an edition of Tennyson's *Morte D'Arthur* worth 17 guineas.

PLOUGH CHAMPION

Mr. Herbie Price, a 25-year-old farmer of Peterchurch, Herefordshire, has won the British tractor ploughing championship at his first attempt.

Farms in the Upper Murray district of South Australia are being raided by flocks of emus. It is said that an emu eats almost as much as a horse.

OUT OF THE PAST

A flint axe, estimated to be 250,000 years old, was found by workmen building a bridge across the River Gipping at Ipswich. The remains of a Roman kiln, with fragments of pottery and roofing tiles, have been unearthed on a farm at Cerne Abbas, Dorset.

A farm was moved by train recently from Devon to Bedfordshire. The load included 72 head of cattle, farm implements, and three cars.

A Manchester man and two German companions have crossed the Atlantic in a catamaran. They reached Dun Laoghaire harbour, Eire, seven weeks after setting out.

SEE YOU LATER !

R.A.F. aircraft will fly in opposite directions right round the world to meet at the opening of a new airport at Wellington, New Zealand, on October 24.

THEY SAY . . .

I SOMETIMES wish men's umbrellas could be a little more exciting. Nothing adds more to the gloom of the day than masses of black umbrellas.

Duke of Bedford

PUNCTUATION is only courtesy and consideration for others put on paper.

Lord Hemingford

THE singing doesn't worry me—it's the bumping and dancing. An old lady who lives next to Sadler's Wells



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LASTS THE LONGEST—TASTES THE BEST

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Graham the gardener

Fourteen-year-old Graham Warby has been appointed church gardener at Bengoe, Hertfordshire.

Graham, who goes to Hertford Grammar School, first decided to help when the old church gardener died last year. During his summer holidays he spent many hours cutting the grass and tending the garden. This year he again devoted part of his summer holidays to the job.

In recognition of his services the Parochial Church Council has now appointed him gardener at a small wage. He is planning for next year and hopes to grow roses.

Graham also sings in the choir, is a member of the local Scripture Union, and plays cornet in a local band. He is a keen rugby player and one day means to be an electrical engineer.

WILL YE NO' COME BACK AGAIN?

After his recent Australian tour, Danny Kaye waved goodbye to a crowd at Sydney airport and told them: "I'll be back. I don't know when, but I'll be back."

He was back much sooner than he expected for the airliner soon developed instrument trouble and had to return to Sydney.

It was several hours before Danny was able to take off again for the United States.

YOUNG RABBIT FANCIERS TAKE THE PRIZES

The two lads in this picture, Colin Crane and Roger Acaster, both live at Cottingham, a few miles from Kettering, Northamptonshire. They began to show rabbits only a year ago and have



now won the major awards at both their County Show and the British Timken Show, held at Northampton.

Starting with two Ermine Rex rabbits, they bred animals of such fine quality that they decided to enter a show, "just for a bit of fun." They won easily, and have never looked back since.

Colin and Roger have so far won sixty first prizes, two diplomas, and two challenge certificates.

Life in the old mill yet

It was in 1665 that Thomas Buden built his post mill on Outwood Common, Surrey, and it was owned by many generations of his family. Today, thanks to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, its sails still turn when the wind is favourable.

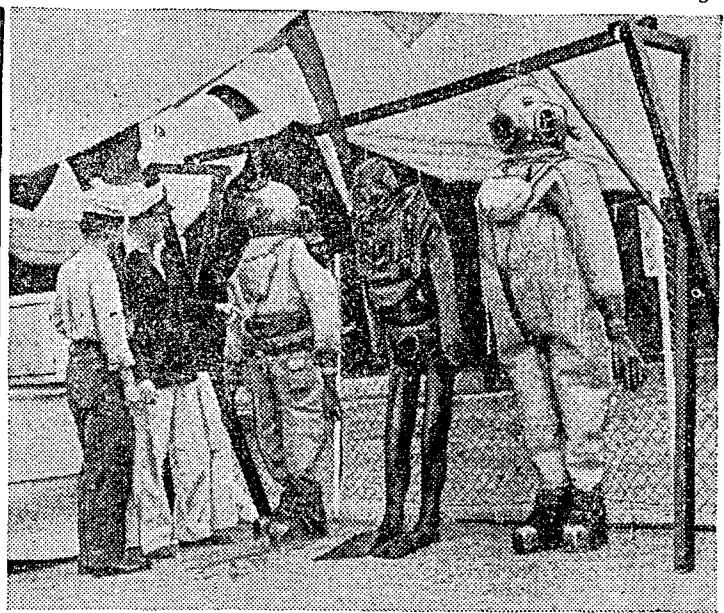
Each Sunday, its present owner, Mr. S. Jupp, who has worked in his mill since he was sixteen, shows visitors over this grand old mill. They see the corn being ground and can buy samples of the wholemeal flour produced in a mill from whose top, it is said, people saw the glow from the Great Fire of London in 1666.

NAVAL BULLDOG

A bulldog has just joined the Royal Navy as the new mascot at Portsmouth Naval Barracks. He was welcomed by the Barracks Commodore and presented with his Service documents and certificate which gave his name as Buster Game-Un with the official rank of JBD (Junior Bulldog).

The certificate said that his period of service was "for as long as the food lasts."

The previous mascot at the barracks, Vectis King, has been given a large wooden medal for long service and good conduct. He has also been awarded 30s. a week pension for his keep in the Ferne Animal sanctuary in Dorset.



Fashions for Divers

The Royal Naval Diving School, Chatham, put on a show which included a display of the various types of diving dress now used in the Service.

NATURAL GAS WILL KEEP THEIR KETTLES BOILING

People in Whitby will soon be using natural gas found 4000 to 5000 feet below the neighbouring moors. The supply to householders will begin by late summer or autumn next year.

The chairman of the North Eastern Gas Board, Dr. R. S. Edwards, has stated that this is the only supply of natural gas which has been found in a countrywide survey, although there are good supplies under the North Sea.

Cook to the rescue

Looking out from his ship while in port at Ipswich, Mr. Brian Giles saw a boy fall into the water from the quayside. He immediately dived overboard and brought the boy safely ashore.

Mr. Giles, who is a ship's cook, has now received the Royal Humane Society's Award for Gallantry.

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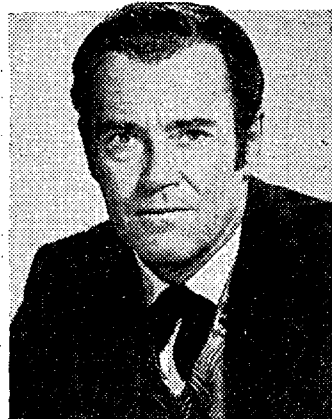
Four-legged favourites That sun-tan make-up

How odd that, in these days of jet planes, diesel expresses, nuclear submarines and space rockets, more and more people are fascinated by horses, managing to

get about on their four legs. Westerns are sweeping the entertainment world, both on films and TV. The latest ITV survey, issued by Granada, also shows that the Western audience contains more women than men—53 per cent to 47.

This Wednesday, if we stay viewing until 9 p.m., we can see ATV reeling off excerpts from every type of Western from Wagon Train back to D. W. Griffiths' classics of the silent cinema days. Called The Western, the programme is a panel enquiry introducing Henry Fonda, who stars in the current Western film, Warlock. Among the other guests will be Bessie Love, star of silent films and Anthony Quinn.

I hear that the excerpts will include shots from Hopalong Cassidy films.



Henry Fonda

ON QUIVERING WINGS

MIGNON the kestrel will have her story told in Out of Doors in BBC Junior TV this Wednesday. She was picked up, looking like a ball of fluff, when only a few days old, and taken to H. G. Hurrell, the Devon naturalist. He decided Mignon should become self-supporting as a wild bird, so gave her practice flights on the moor at the back of his house.

Mignon's flutterings were filmed, and Mr. Hurrell will be in the studio to describe the fascinating

pictures of this playful little bird. She is seen doing her wonderful hover, with quivering wings and fanned tail holding her motionless for several seconds. Mignon has now flown off, but it is hoped to have another kestrel in the studio.

Out of Doors will include a film of water voles. In Club Room, Leslie Jackman will have David McClintock talking about "pop-pers, stickers, and blowers." This refers to Nature's three main ways of dispersing plant seed.

LONNIE DONEGAN, the young king of skiffle, is Eamonn Andrews' guest in Crackerjack in BBC Junior TV this Thursday.

Lonnie scarcely needs TV.



make-up because of the tan he got during the summer season he has just finished at Great Yarmouth. He joins the Crackerjack "regulars," including Pearl Carr and Teddy Johnson, Ronnie Corbett and Raymond Rollett, with those balancers and jugglers, Walthon and Dorraine.

WILD AUDIENCE

JOHNNY MORRIS we all know as the Hot Chestnut Man. But did you ever hear him impersonate a chicken or a pig? In Delilah he pretty well turns himself into a one-man animal orchestra.

This "piece of musical nonsense," as the BBC call it, is about a sensitive cow and her husband Samson, and will be heard in Children's Hour this Thursday.

Johnny Morris wrote the words and Sidney Sager the music. When it was first performed in a Bristol orchestral concert early this year the audience went wild. Later it was broadcast in the West of England Home Service. Soon it is to be recorded for sale in the shops at Christmas.

Delilah is more than a tale with musical illustrations. Speech and music go together, with Johnny working to the conductor just like an orchestral player, producing all sorts of weird farmyard effects. Chickens have a piccolo note, and pigs grunt like huge trumpets.

In the days of the stage-coach

A COMPLETE town representing Laramie, Wyoming, was built against the mountain background of Hollywood for filming the Laramie series beginning in BBC television on Saturday.

Hoagy Carmichael, best known as a pianist and composer of "Blues," plays the star part as Jonesy, cook of Sherman Ranch, in these coaching adventures after the American Civil War. The main setting is a swing station where stage-coaches of the Great Overland Mail pause to and from Laramie to change horses.

CAN PARROTS MAKE FACES?

CAN birds change the expression on their faces? We shall soon have a chance to see in Good Companions, which begins a new run in BBC television this Wednesday. Producer Bill Wright tells me the Family Tree section, starting in the first programme with the development of the Boston Terrier, will later switch to talking birds and an unusual experiment.

Tape records are being made of the speech of parrots, mynah birds, budgerigars, and ravens. These will be played over before the TV cameras to other birds of the same species. Will they talk back or make funny faces?

Pup's Progress is a new feature this Wednesday. Every fortnight we can watch a pup at a different stage in its training. Pocket-Money Pets will introduce a young owner each with his or her pet, beginning with tortoises. These will be followed by white mice and rats, hamsters, squirrels, and goldfish.

Bill Wright promises to have a police horse and a rag-and-bone

man's horse in the studio for Working Animals.

And in some of the later programmes we shall see elephants and camels—but not in the studio! They will be filmed at Bristol and Dudley Zoos.

For rail fans

TRAIN-SPOTTERS please note: the signals are "off" for another Romance of Railways programme in Associated-Rediffusion on October 27.

Producer Tig Roe tried an experimental railway show under that title in August. To everybody's surprise, an enormous number of "thank you" letters poured in, not only from young people but hundreds of grown-ups, including university professors.

Older viewers, by the way, wanted the show put back to the late evening, but "A.R." stands firm. A third Romance of Railways programme, again for young viewers, is scheduled for near Christmas.

Loco on a blocked line

AN iron horse Western makes a pleasant change. That is why Union Pacific in BBC Junior TV on Wednesdays is not only fascinating for railway fans, but all those viewers who welcome the clanking of piston rods instead of the champing of bits.

Here is a good picture of a typical Union Pacific locomotive of the 1870s. The episode shows

Major Bart McClelland (Jeff Morrow) and his assistant Billy Kincaid (Judd Pratt) finding their way blocked. The building of this great transcontinental railroad was hampered by many such problems, as well as by difficult country, shortage of money and supplies, Red Indian raids, and political trickery.



Do you Love Animals?

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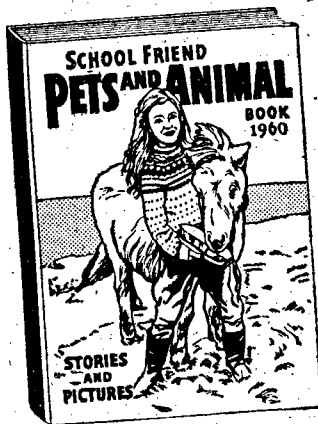
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The Stephensons who gave us our first railways

IN the history of railways there is no greater name than that of George Stephenson, the inventor of the locomotive *Rocket*. Yet it is probably true to say that without his son Robert he would have stopped short of many of the triumphs that won him enduring fame. It is certainly true to say that Robert Stephenson, who died on October 12 just a century ago, was the perfect partner to his father, and a great man in his own right.

George Stephenson's *Rocket*, weighing little more than four tons, amazed the world in October 1829 when it drew a load of 20 tons at an average speed of 15 m.p.h., winning a prize of £500 for its designer. But George Stephenson gave much of the credit to his son Robert. It was Robert who actually supervised the building of the *Rocket*, and later improved details in its construction. Never did the lives of father and son dovetail more perfectly.

George Stephenson, born at Wylam near Newcastle, was a son of a poor colliery engine-minder whose wages were 12s. a week, on which he brought up a family of four sons and two daughters.

When a mere child George earned twopence a day for minding cattle and fourpence a day for hoeing turnips.

laboured long and hard to make this possible, sending him first to a village school, then to an academy in Newcastle. It was in clothes made by his father that Robert used to amble off to school daily—on a donkey, because there was no money to spare for a horse.

Robert's first spell of schooling ended when he was 12, but during those years he was schoolmaster as well as pupil, for what he learned by day he used to teach his father at night, and in time George became something of a scholar.

It was in 1815 that George Stephenson patented his safety lamp for miners, the Geordie lamp, as it is still called. For this priceless invention he was awarded £1000, and with this sum in hand he sent Robert off to Edinburgh University for a six-



Robert Stephenson

month course. From that time on, for many years, father and son worked closely together.

In 1821, when George Stephenson was asked to make a survey for the proposed Stockton to Darlington Railway, his chief assistant was Robert.

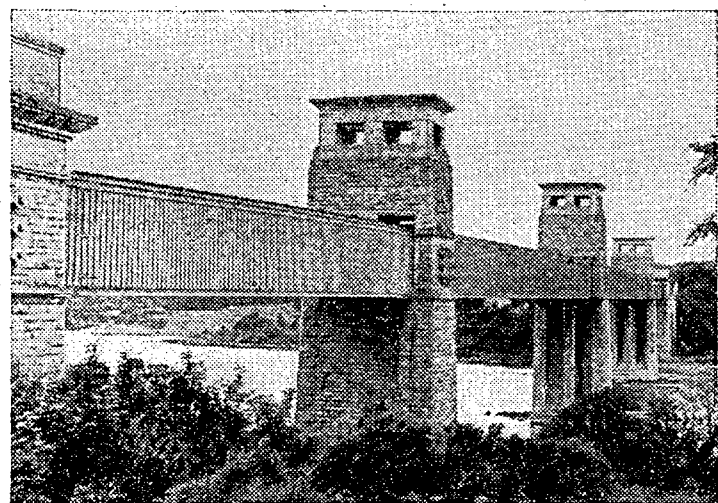
Plans for the Liverpool to Manchester line found them working closely together again. Then, as George Stephenson grew older and began to take things more easily, he watched with pride as Robert pursued a triumphant career on his own.

It was Robert Stephenson who built the Birmingham to London Railway, the first line into the capital. For many years he was engaged on railway work, all over the world. Yet it is as a bridge-builder that he is perhaps most remembered. He built the great tubular bridge to carry the Chester to Holyhead Railway across the Menai Straits in North Wales. He was responsible for the Victoria Bridge over the St. Lawrence River at Montreal. He built bridges at Newcastle and Berwick, and two others over the Nile. And as if all that were not enough, he was also an M.P. as well!

Neither he nor his father lived to a great age. George Stephenson died in 1848 when he was 67. Robert died on October 12, 1859, within a few days of his 56th birthday, and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

Robert Stephenson's tubular bridge across the Menai Straits; and (below) as seen during its construction

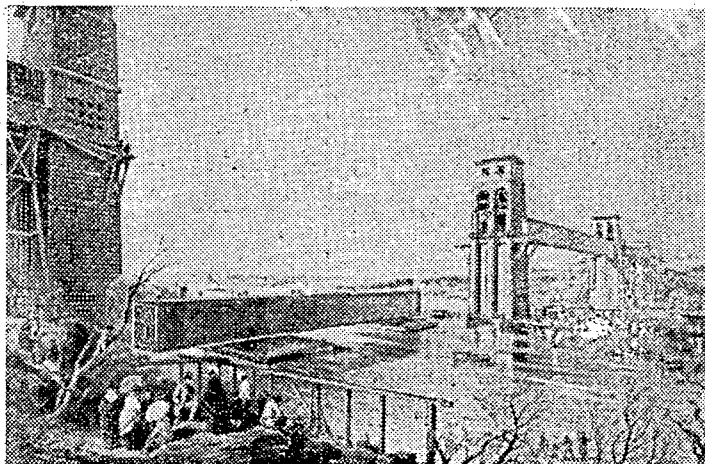
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He could not read or write; not until he was 19 was he able even to sign his name; but at the colliery works he probed the secrets of the stationary engine, and when not pumping water from the mine occupied himself in taking the engine to pieces, repairing and rebuilding it, mastering the mystery of the power and application of steam.

To supplement his earnings he practised boot-mending, watch-repairing, embroidery, and tailoring. By the time he was 21 he had saved enough to marry. Robert was born on October 16, 1803, and before he was three his mother died. This tragic loss brought the lad ever closer to his father.

One thought above all others was in George Stephenson's mind: whatever the cost, Robert should have some schooling. He



Pigeons of the busy streets

THE pigeons that frequent the streets and buildings of our large towns are now wild birds like any others. They are certainly just as wild as the mute swan and the pheasant, two birds found in all the bird books; yet you will have to search hard to find any reference to the pigeons of our towns in that book known to most bird-watchers: Witherby's *Hand-book of British Birds*.

One of the reasons why these pigeons have never been treated as the respectable British birds which they are is that they have not had a proper English name. Scientifically they cannot be distinguished from the wild rock doves of Scotland and Ireland, and so should be called *Columba livia*.

The two chief alternative English names are "semi-domestic

almost unanimous opinion of the "practical men," the pigeon breeders.) All the feral or London pigeons in our streets today are therefore descended from rock doves, for they have originated from escaped domestic pigeons at various times over the past 600 years.

Comparatively few of the pigeons in the streets today actually look like rock doves, for their plumage is now very variable, and contains a great mixture of black and white and pinkish-brown. The true wild rock-dove type has a conspicuously white rump, and a plain grey mantle. The white rump serves to distinguish it from the otherwise rather similar wild stock dove.

The London pigeons are very largely dependent on man for their food. They feed mainly on



Left: a young visitor makes friends in Trafalgar Square; and (below) Nelson's Column as a favoured haunt of thousands of pigeons

pigeon," which is awkward, and "feral pigeon," the one usually used nowadays. ("Feral" means "gone wild.") In my book I have called them London pigeons, but that name hardly seems appropriate for the pigeons of Manchester or Glasgow! Still, we call the Dartford warbler by the name of the place where it was found, so why should we not do the same for the town pigeon?

For, in fact, it was in London in the late 14th century that the feral pigeon was first noted as a wild British bird. The Bishop of London

complained that: "there are those who, instigated by a malignant spirit, are busy to injure more than to profit, and throw from a distance and hurl stones, arrows, and various kinds of darts at the crows, pigeons and other kinds of birds building their nests and sitting on the walls and openings of St. Paul's Cathedral, so that they broke the glass windows and stone images."

All our domestic pigeons are descended from the wild rock dove. (It was one of Charles Darwin's great triumphs to be able to demonstrate this against the

scraps thrown to them by the public or abandoned after their picnics in the parks, and even more on the grain spilled on the ground at grain wharves. Barges full of grain can often be seen going up the Thames followed by a cloud of guzzling pigeons.

In one particular the feral pigeons are still like their wild rock dove ancestors: in their nesting places. They still lay their two white eggs in crevices and on ledges of buildings, just as the rock doves do in the sea caves of our wild northern and western coasts.

RICHARD FITTER

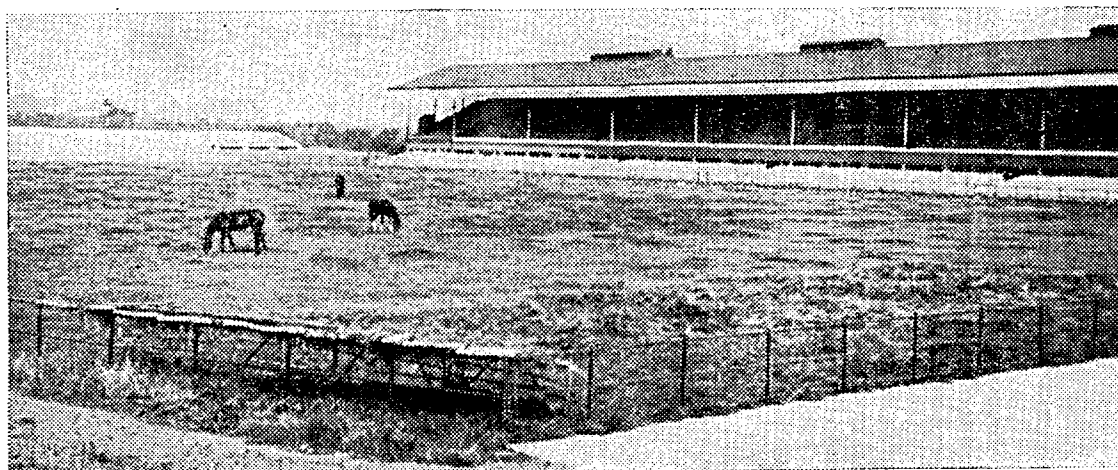


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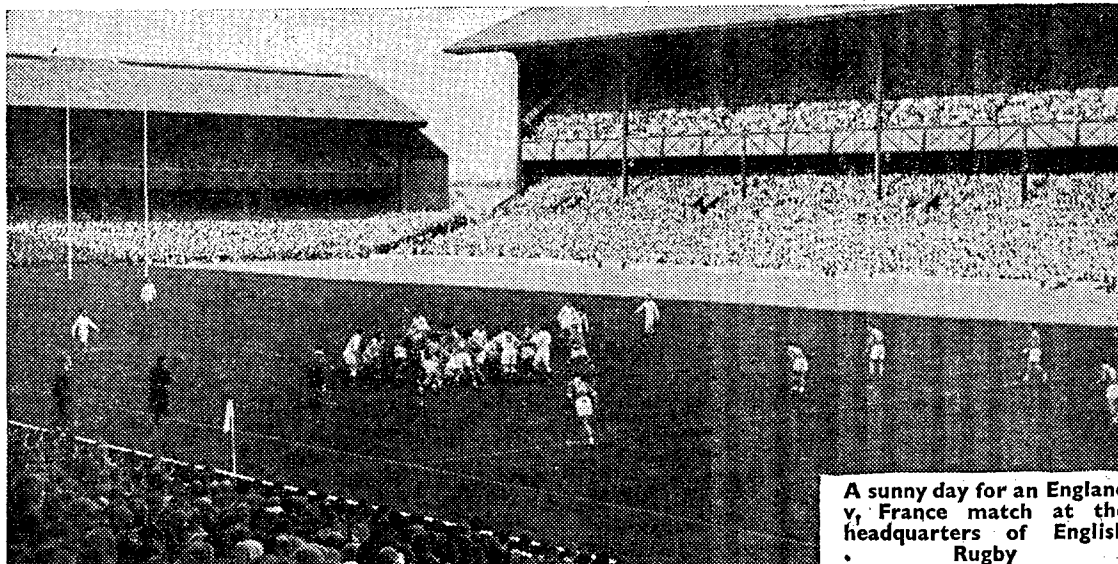
On October 2, 1909, just half-a-century ago, a fresh name appeared in the calendar of sport, for that day saw the first match ever on the Rugby Football Union's ground at



An English player outjumps the French in an international at Twickenham



Horses grazed on Twickenham's lush grass during the First World War



A sunny day for an England v. France match at the headquarters of English Rugby

Twickenham. It was a match between the tenants of the new ground, Harlequins, and their old rivals and neighbours across the Thames, Richmond. Both clubs had been founder members of the Rugby Union in 1871.

Next Saturday, to mark the jubilee of that great occasion, thirty of Britain's finest Rugby players will take part in an England and Wales v. Scotland and Ireland match. With two competing teams of all the talents, it is hoped that this will prove an epic struggle. Certainly it will be memorable. Meanwhile, here is the Twickenham story.

In the early years of this century English Rugby was somewhat in the doldrums, and still feeling the effects of the unhappy break with Northern clubs over the question of payment to players. Then, in 1905, the amateur game was shaken up by the arrival of the original All Blacks.

These New Zealanders, drawn from a population of only about half a million, swept through the British Isles like a whirlwind. The Rugby game had been adopted as the national sport in New Zealand, and their team played it with the fresh ideas and zest of a vigorous young nation growing up. In 32 matches they lost only to Wales—and that by the narrowest possible margin—and they piled up a total score of 830 points with only 39 scored against them!



Billy Williams of the "Cabbage Patch"

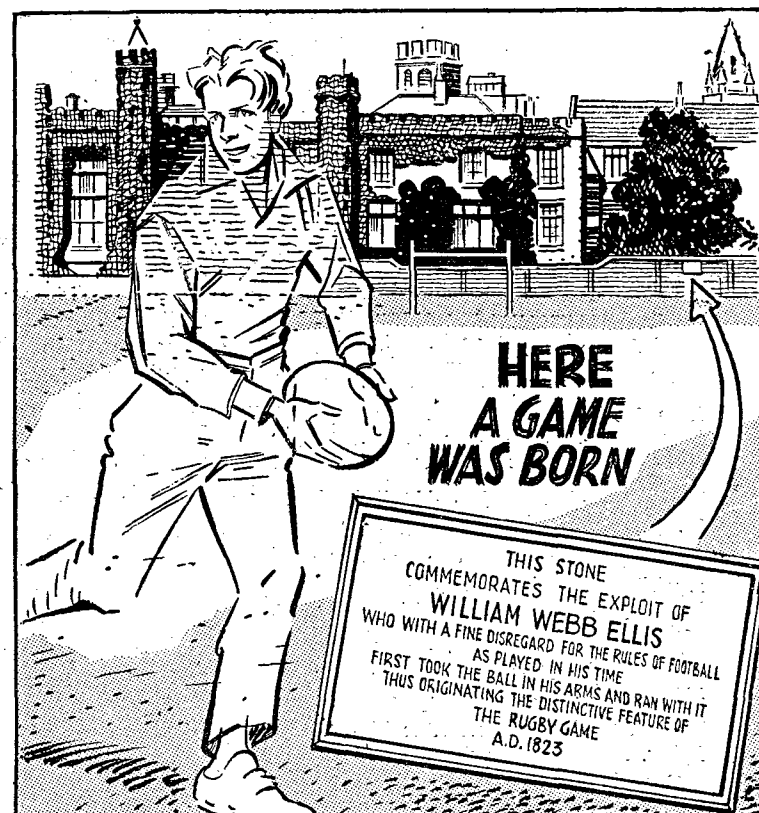
One effect of the All Blacks tour (apart from the shock to British players) was to arouse intense public interest in this spectacular game—even among people who were faintly surprised to find that the All Blacks were really white men! With ever increasing crowds it became clear that the Rugby Union must quickly get a home of its own, and the committee began to keep their eyes open for a likely site.

One committee man, a stalwart old player named William Williams, learned that an area of market-garden was for sale on the outskirts of the Middlesex town of Twickenham. He talked his colleagues into buying just over ten acres for £5572 12s. 6d., and work began on what came to be known as "Billy Williams' cabbage patch."

Early criticisms

That was in 1907, and at the time there were many who thought the choice could hardly have been worse. Twelve miles from central London, the site was also nearly a mile from the nearest public transport, the steam trains and electric trams at Twickenham. The main approach to the new ground was along a narrow, winding suburban road. A nearby tributary of the Thames was liable to flood the ground after heavy rain. In any case, grumbled the pessimists, the place was far too big; no rugby match would ever attract a crowd of thirty thousand.

How right Billy Williams was, and how wrong his critics, is shown by the fact that for half a century the Rugby Union has been striving to make Twickenham big enough, and never quite succeeding. The original modest stands have been rebuilt as lofty



The boy who started it all at Rugby over a century ago

per, October 17, 1959

TWICKENHAM!

Double-deckers, there is an additional stand at one end, the standing terraces have been extended, and some of the turf round the playing-field sacrificed to provide ringside seats. Now the ground holds well over 70,000 but still there is clamour for more room at big matches, when all roads lead to Twickenham.

In addition to all these improvements, the main gateway of the ground now has an impressive colonnade with a central pylon. This is a memorial to Sir

boots and was wearing a borrowed pair. In another French match H. C. Catchside (later to become chairman of the England selectors) broke clear but found himself hemmed in against the touchline with only the full-back to beat. Without pausing in his stride, Catchside took off in a high jump which carried him right over the head of the startled Frenchman and crash-landed him on the goal line for a try.

But perhaps the most memorable match ever played at

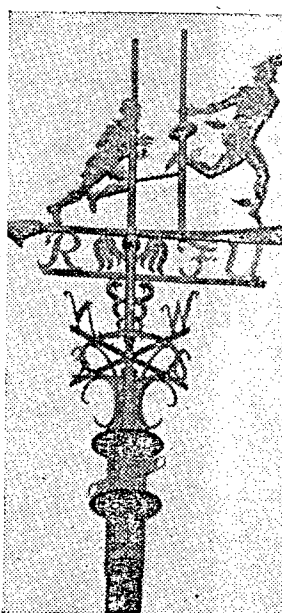
Prince Obolensky, who won undying fame in a match against the All Blacks



Twickenham was the defeat of the 1936 All Blacks when Prince Alexander Obolensky scored two sensational tries for England. For one of them he ran almost half the length of the field, starting on the right and scoring on the left. To the enthralled spectators his white-clad figure seemed to be flitting like a spectre right through the clutching arms of the All Blacks.

"Obo", son of a princely family exiled by the Russian revolution in the First World War, was an Oxford University and Rosslyn Park player. He was English in all but name, and as a fighter pilot in the Second World War he gave his life for England.

The jubilee match on Saturday will recall for many spectators another England-Wales v. Scotland-Ireland game, that was played on the Close at Rugby School in 1923. It marked the centenary of the day when a boy named William Webb Ellis, "with a fine disregard for the rules of football



Hermes playing the game on the weathervane high above the stands

as played in his time, first took the ball in his arms and ran with it."

This unorthodox act by Ellis was the origin of a game which has since gone round the world. New Zealand's All Blacks, Australia's Wallabies, and South Africa's Springboks, all like to take a crack at the homeland, and formidable opponents they are. In Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Argentina the game is played to a limited extent, but its popularity is widespread in Europe. Even the fuzzy-haired Fijians in the South Seas enjoy it, though they prefer to play in bare feet!

Here at home many schools have been taking up Rugby in recent years, and some anxious mothers have been known to ask the old question: Isn't it rather a rough sport? The answer is that it depends on what you mean by rough. Any fit and strong boy who can revel in a fair exchange of hard knocks, with due respect for the rules, will decide that there is no more joyous game to play.

And Twickenham seems to have proved that it is also a pretty good game to watch.



Fans at an England v. Wales international leaving no doubt as to which side they support



A tense moment during a match between England and Scotland before the packed stands at Twickenham

G. Roland Hill, the elder statesman of the game who inspired and led the resistance to veiled professionalism when the Northern Union (now the Rugby League) went its own way in 1893.

One occasion in Twickenham's early history had nothing at all to do with football. This was in the summer of 1911 when it was the scene of a great gathering of local schoolchildren celebrating the Coronation of King George the Fifth, one of Twickenham's regular visitors.

In the First World War the ground was closed, and the untended turf became a pasture for cattle and sheep. Closed again in the Second World War, it was used as a Civil Defence centre, and its huge car parks became coal dumps and allotments.

From the first Twickenham proved a lucky ground for England. For many years it seemed to have a resident good fairy watching over the home team and casting a spell on the invaders. It was 18 years before even Wales could win there.

So many thrills have there been for the crowds. In one match against France in the 'twenties England was saved from defeat only by some remarkable goal-kicking by H. L. V. Day, though he had had some mishap with his



The Calcutta Cup, awarded to the winners of the annual England and Scotland match



Before every game the New Zealand All Blacks provide an extra show for the spectators by performing the Haka, a Maori war dance

ON RECORD

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CHAS McDEVITT and SHIRLEY DOUGLAS: *Teenage Letter* and *Sad Little Girl* on Oriole CB1511. Mr. and Mrs. McDevitt here sing two very different kinds of song. Shirley's is a sweet, sad little ballad, but Chas has a cheerful bouncy tale of that *Teenage Letter*. Both good value and both likely to be hits. (45-78. 6s. 4d.)

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José Motos

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HE LAUGHED IN HIS COFFIN

One of New Zealand's most distinguished soldiers, Lieut.-Col. W. B. Thomas, has been making a film of his exploits in Greece for Sir Brian Horrocks' TV series, *Men of Action*.

Severely wounded and captured in Crete, Lieut.-Col. Thomas tried to escape from the prison hospital by shamming dead, and being carried out in a coffin. But at the



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JIMMY DARREN: *I Don't Wanna Lose Ya* on Pye International N25034. Jimmy has been tipped by several people as a future star name in films as well as records. Certainly he has a likeable personality, plus a singing voice rather better than most of the newer recording artists. His easy charm makes this number bright and appealing. (45. 6s. 4d.)

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critical moment he saw the funny side of it and started laughing!

So ended that attempt to escape, but he later succeeded in a fantastic getaway from Salonica, and was sheltered by monks in a Mount Athos monastery. Eventually he crossed the Aegean Sea to Turkey in a stolen boat, and rejoined the New Zealanders in the Middle East.

LOOKING AT THE SKY

Venus is now a Morning Star

THE evening sky is now becoming bereft of planets, for Venus and Mars have gone, and while Jupiter and Saturn are still in the south-west sky for about an hour after sunset they are very low and not much in evidence.

Venus changed from an "Evening Star" to a "Morning Star" on September 1, when it passed between the Earth and the Sun and was at its nearest to us although invisible. It can be seen high in the south-east after about 3 a.m. until sunrise.

This planet is now at about its greatest brilliancy for this season, or *apparition* as astronomers say, but it has begun to recede from us and from now on will gradually appear less bright and smaller.

Seen thus, Venus now appears as indicated in the accompanying diagram, which also shows on the



Venus (1) as seen now and as it will appear in the coming months

same scale the apparent size and appearance of Venus at later dates as it travels to far beyond the Sun.

It is only at this far-distant part of its orbit that the whole disc of Venus can be seen entirely illuminated at the same time; at other times there is always a portion of the planet's surface in the dark, as it were. This accounts for so little being known about the planet's surface, even the period of its rotation being in doubt and the angle at which it rotates.

From now until the end of the year we get the best telescopic opportunities of getting a glimpse

of some of the vague and indefinite detail that may be seen on the brilliant cloud-laden surface of Venus, but with so much of it "blacked out" any marking cannot be followed long enough during the few consecutive hours that Venus may be observed at one time.

At present Venus is about 46 million miles away and much the nearest of all the planets; but in only about a fortnight's time it will be about 6½ million miles farther away. The effect of this will reduce the apparent size of Venus to that shown at 2 in the diagram.

By the end of this year the apparent size of Venus will have become considerably reduced and altered in appearance to the example shown in 3.

By next June Venus will appear as a brilliant little disc as shown in 4 of the diagram. The planet will then be upwards of 150 million miles away, far beyond the Sun.

Meanwhile, our Earth continues its orbital race after Venus, never catching it because Venus is speeding at about 1,900,000 miles a day, whereas the Earth averages only about 1,500,000 miles a day—and has, moreover, the longer track to cover. G. F. M.

Aerial photographs help road-making

Somerset County Highway Authority is speeding up road-making with an aerial survey of about 200 miles of roads. The County Surveyor told the Highway Committee that this is cheaper and quicker than surveying on the ground and that plans made from aerial photographs will be accurate to within three inches per mile.

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...SECRET GOVERNMENT DISPATCHES ENTRUSTED TO HIM. WHEN CHARLES WAS RESTORED TO THE THRONE, DOWNING HELPED TO CAPTURE REFUGEE ROUNDHEADS IN HOLLAND.

AMONG THOSE HE BETRAYED WAS HIS OLD COMMANDING OFFICER, WHO WAS LATER EXECUTED

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The CONWAYS TAKE THEIR CUE

by GEOFFREY MORGAN

The Conways are staying with Dod Neilson at Trevack Cove while Skipper Amos is in London and the Mirelda is undergoing repairs. Returning from the lobster pots one evening in Dod's fishing boat they salvage the dummy figure of a man, a "prop" of the film company shooting scenes nearby. Dod and the Conways hide the dummy in the Mirelda's cabin, but when Jerry and Jane take film director Hugh Wilson to get it next morning the dummy has gone. Instead of being annoyed, Wilson offers them and the Mirelda a part in the film.

5. Hint from Old Joe

THE Conways looked at each other and then stared at their visitor. "D'you mean you want us to act a scene on board?" gasped Jane.



"Strikes me they'll be a-getting in plenty o' spots afore they done," said Joe Prentice mysteriously.

"In front of the cameras—and everyone?" exclaimed Jerry.

"Don't let it go to your heads," Wilson smiled. "It wouldn't be a very big scene and Phil Webster, our director, would have to decide. But the story calls for a short scene in which an old sailing craft is featured."

"Well, of course," Jerry said, recovering from his surprise, "she's not ready for sailing yet. Gittins is still working on her. And we couldn't get under way without our skipper, and we're not sure how long he'll have to be in London—"

"That's O.K.," Wilson broke in gently. "We wouldn't want you to sail her. She could just sit exactly where she is. All the scene calls for is an old craft moored in an isolated place, such as this."

"You see," he went on, leaning comfortably against the wheel, "an agent in Falmouth let us down. We arranged with him to hire an

old coasting schooner, but it got badly damaged, and he couldn't promise a date to supply another. It was a nuisance, of course, but when we got down here we decided to make do with a local fishing boat. But—" he paused, eyeing the hefty lines of the barge again, "there's nothing like sticking to the original script. This is right on our doorstep and she's just the job."

"It's a super idea," bubbled Jane. "When do we start?"

"Steady on," grinned Wilson. "You'll have to get in touch with this skipper of yours—he's the owner?"

"Yes," assented Jerry.

"You don't know when he's coming down?"

"No, but that won't matter," Jerry spoke with confidence. "I know he'll be delighted to see the Mirelda on film."

Wilson nodded and, taking one

skipper's name and address and phone number. If you fix things up I shall need to contact him right away."

Jerry gave him the particulars. "Fine," he concluded, slipping his notebook away. "Now, I'll have a chat with Mr. Webster, and if everything's O.K., you'd better come over and meet him tomorrow."

With a final wave Hugh Wilson drove off, but even after the vehicle was lost from view the Conways remained, watching the road. They stood like statues, immobilised by the train of exciting possibilities Wilson had left behind.

Crazy place

Presently a long, plaintive sigh escaped Jane.

"My! But things do happen to us!" Her voice sounded as confused as the jumbled thoughts in her mind. "Isn't this just a crazy place! First we pick up a dummy that disappears, and then we're in a movie! Well, well," she murmured, her eyes sliding once more to the distant road. "Isn't he a honey?"

"Seems a jolly decent scout," Jerry agreed, and then turned to her with a smile. "But remember, Jane, it's the Mirelda he wants in the movie. Don't get any big ideas about acting."

"Wait and see," he said, she reminded him tartly. "We'll know all about it tomorrow—but"—she suddenly frowned—"how d'you figure on getting to Penruddan, Jerry? There aren't any buses, and I guess there isn't much freight traffic on that road."

"Oh, we're certain to scrounge a lift of some sort, and when we get there maybe we can hire a couple of bikes. If we do clinch the job we'll be making more than one journey, I reckon, in the next few days."

Careful search

They walked slowly back to the quay, their return to the barge vividly recalling the mysterious disappearance of the dummy. Now that they were alone on board they were able to consider the extraordinary event in a more personal and leisurely manner, and Jerry spent the best part of an hour in a careful examination below decks while Jane searched diligently above. But when they eventually met at the companion-hatch neither had found the faintest suggestion of a clue.

"Well," muttered Jerry, perching himself on the cabin top. "It just beats me! I mean, who could have known it was there? Only you, Dod, and me knew anything about it."

Jane shrugged, mystified.

"No use worrying, I guess," she said. "Hugh Wilson didn't seem to and, after all, it was his property." She glanced at him, frowning. "I wonder what the skipper will say?"

"I'm not telling him. At least, not until he gets down here. It might put him off the film people if he knew it was partly through them the Mirelda was raided. I'll just stick to the film offer when I ring." He suddenly glanced at his watch and stood up. "Come on, Jane, might as well get on the blower while we're waiting for Dod. Amos ought to be at the freight company's office by now."

Joe Prentice was fixing a rack of viewcards on one side of his shop doorway when they arrived, and while Jerry went straight through to the telephone cubicle, Jane chatted to the shopkeeper.

Presently, Joe stood back and invited her comments on the display, and when she added it was a pity so few holiday visitors seemed

to find Trevack and thus bring him more business, Joe looked over his steel-framed spectacles and eyed her intently.

"I see as how you had a visitor yourself this mornin', Miss Jane," he said.

Jane smiled sweetly. Not much happened in Trevack and the surrounding district without old Joe's knowledge. She knew he knew who the visitor represented; now he was fishing to know what had brought him to Trevack. She decided there was no harm in telling the result of the visit provided she skipped the reason.

"Sure, Mr. Prentice. Did you see him?" She rolled her eyes coyly. "A real honey, is Hugh Wilson. One of the directors of the film company on location at Penruddan. Wants us and the Mirelda in his movie."

"Go on, Missie. That's a mighty sudden-like offer." His shrewd eyes, magnified by the lenses, seemed to be probing for a deeper explanation.

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NEXT Wednesday is the anniversary of the greatest naval victory in British history. On October 21, 1805, Lord Nelson defeated the combined French and Spanish fleets off Cape Trafalgar and saved England from invasion by Napoleon.

After the battle, in which Nelson himself was killed, monuments were set up in his honour in many parts of the world.

A series of stamps issued in Barbados some years ago shows the statue at Bridgetown, the capital of the island, with the inscription: "First monument erected to Nelson's memory, 1813." But this inscription is wrong. A statue of Nelson was erected in Montreal in 1808, and a pillar in Edinburgh, a column in Dublin, and another statue in the Bull Ring, Birmingham, were all in place before the Barbados statue.

When new pictorial stamps were issued in Barbados in 1950, the



statue of Nelson was shown on the four-cents value, but the incorrect inscription was not repeated.

The same design is used for the Queen Elizabeth four cents stamp of Barbados.

As a young naval officer Nelson spent a great deal of his time in the West Indies, and stamps of the



West Indian islands feature scenes he must have known. Several issues of Antigua show the Old Dockyard at English Harbour, where Nelson once had his headquarters.

Three stamps of Antigua also depict Nelson's flagship, the *Victory*, but these were issued in 1932 and are now very expensive. Every collector, however, can afford a copy of the British half-crown stamp of 1951, which has a fine picture of the flagship in full sail. The second stamp in the same series, the five-shilling one, provides a suitable companion to the half-crown, for it has a view of the white cliffs of Dover.

Another design which recalls Britain's long history as a great sea-power is that used for the King George V high values. It shows Britannia riding over the waves in her chariot, drawn by three mettlesome sea-horses.

If you happen to have several



Nelson died in his arms

A little-known Trafalgar Day ceremony takes place every year in the Kent village of Wouldham, on the banks of the Medway, not far from Rochester. This village was the home of Walter Burke, Purser of H.M.S. *Victory*, and on his grave in the churchyard is a stone with this inscription: In his arms the immortal Nelson died.

On that fateful, October 21, 1805, Burke told the wounded admiral that the enemy was beaten and that he hoped Lord Nelson would live to bear the joyful

tidings to his country; but Nelson said: "It is nonsense, Mr. Burke, to suppose that I can live. My sufferings are great, but they will soon be over."

Burke himself came safely home from Trafalgar and lived for another ten years to tell the story of the famous victory. And every year, on the anniversary of that victory, a special memorial service is held in the village church he knew so well. And every year, on that same day, the children of the village lay flowers on his grave.

CONWAYS TAKE THEIR CUE

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"Well, they were in a bit of a spot. Some yacht agent in Falmouth let them down at the last minute," she replied, and told him briefly what had happened. But Joe hardly appeared to be listening.

"Strikes me they'll be a-getting in plenty o' spots afore they done," he said mysteriously. "If I was you I'd be takin' care o' them film folk. You'll be needin' to watch your step if you're a-goin' along wi' them."

Jane's warm enthusiasm was suddenly chilled by his tone.

"Why?" she frowned.

"Eaten up wi' petty jealousies, the lot o' them. That's the news I've come by."

"What have you come by?" she asked quickly. "What have you heard?"

Joe hesitated, and then slowly he said: "That accident up at the Delgarth mine—" he broke off, glancing along the deserted street.

"D'you mean the—er—accident—to Mr. Craig, the actor?"

"Aye." He leaned towards her in a confidential way. "If what I've heard be true," he said. "That warn't no accident at all . . ."

To be continued

specimens of any of these Britannia stamps, they may not all be duplicates. Three different printing firms produced the stamp during the reign of King George V and the colours they used vary considerably. The half-crown stamp can be found in pale brown, chestnut-brown, a dark chocolate colour, and in a deep sepia-brown. There are also other differences between the printings.

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Glorious Devon

By taking two consecutive letters from each word in a row you will be able to form the names of four places in Devon.

MADAM, hurting, moaned, conqueror.
Applied, cymbals, court, thimble.
Pantry, fight, counter, bond.
Cabin, flounder, before, card.

Name the insect

Put the name of an insect at the top of these rows of letters so that six complete words are formed, reading downwards.

X X X X X X
R V B A A L
E E O B R A
A R N L C N
D Y Y E H D

How many can you find?



How many objects whose names begin with the letter H can you find in this picture? There are at least a dozen.

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in upper, but not in sole,
My second's in pylon, but not in pole;
My third is in arrow, never in bow,
My fourth is in rake, and never in hoe;
My fifth is in hammer, but not in nail,
My sixth is in pallid, never in pale;
My seventh's in under but never below,
My whole is a building made long, long ago.

Jumbled proverbs

Can you re-arrange the letters in the jumbled words below to get three familiar proverbs?

LEWL ubegn si half noed.
Diper teogh before a laif.
Naym ashdn make gliht krow.

Out of sports

Which of these sports is out of place among its companions?

RUGBY, soccer, tennis, hockey, badminton, netball, cricket.

MIXED DOUBLES

IN each of the following pairs of numbered sentences, the blanks represent two words which sound alike but are spelt differently. Can you write them all correctly?

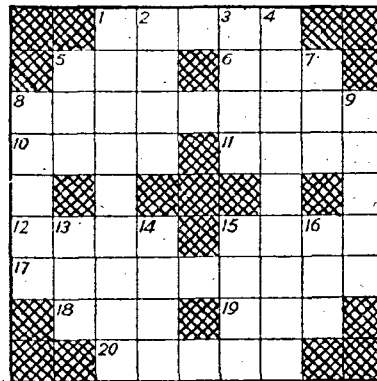
- Answers are given in column 5
- He was as brave as his father before —. The choir sang a — of praise.
 - Home- — vegetables are sure to be fresh. I uttered a — of dismay.
 - We go to church every week on —. At the ice-cream stall I bought a fruit —.
 - A — and cry was caused by the robbery. In the forest woodcutters — down the trees.
 - I must — you of impending danger. Her clothes were — and threadbare.
 - A friend in — is a friend indeed. The baker has to — his dough.

Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Hook or fastening. 5 Also. 6 Mineral. 8 Devourers. 10 Remainder. 11 Level. 12 Give out. 15 A cobbler. 17 Hangers-on. 18 Affirmative. 19 Colour. 20 The batsmen who did this to the ball might be caught.

READING DOWN. 1 Plots or schemes. 2 Cannot be found. 3 A few. 4 Stopped. 5 One of five on your foot. 7 Before. 8 Walk quietly. 9 Rebukes with rudeness. 13 The merry month. 14 Job. 15 Father. 16 Oxford English Dictionary.

Answer next week



BOUQUET FOR MOTHER

The letters of the words printed in italics can be re-arranged to form the type of flower making up the bouquet.

"HAVE you seen these blooms in my garden, Jane?" asked Mr. Greenfingers. "Oh! I have never seen such enormous ones," cried Jane. "Here, take a bunch of them home to your mother," he said, and Jane was so excited that she ran all the way.

Change the letters

FIRST, find a word of seven letters which means someone connected with fires. Then re-arrange the letters in this word to make two new words: (a) a four-letter one meaning a flowerless plant; and (b) a two-letter word meaning to direct towards.

Mouse in the wainscot

HUSH, Suzanne! Don't lift your cup.

That breath you heard is a mouse getting up.

As the mist that steams from your milk as you sup,

So soft is the sound of a mouse getting up.

There! Did you hear his feet pitter patter

Lighter than tipping of beads on a platter.

A falling of a feather!

A drift of a leaf!

The mouse in the wainscot

Is dropping asleep.

Barbara Ann Richardson (aged 12)—winner of an award in The Daily Mirror Children's Literary Competition.

Otter Cub and the Moorhens

FROM the entrance to their holt on the river bank Otter Cub could see the fallen willow leaves sailing down stream in the October sunshine. Then two young Moorhens, proudly jerking their heads to show off their first grown-up plumage, swam out of the reed bed.

"Hallo! Learned to swim yet?" jeered one.

"Fancy a water creature having to learn to swim!" said the other with a loud "Karook" of laughter. "Remember how I fell in the river just after I was hatched, and swam for ages?"

"Rather!" replied the first. "Perhaps it's because he is too scared to try!"

Angrily Otter Cub rejoined his mother and sister in the nursery. Nevertheless, Moorhen was right. Otter Cub was scared of the water, but he would not admit it.

However, Mother Otter knew that all her cubs felt that way, in whatever season they were born, and she had planned their first swimming lesson for this evening. So out into the golden dusk she

led them, to the low bank between the reed beds. Dropping into the water, and swimming around, she said coaxingly: "See! It is easy."

Otter Cub hung back. "Ladies first," he said, nudging his sister.

"First yourself," she cried, nudging back. And that very second a loud, jeering: "Karook!" came from the reed bed. Startled, Otter Cub fell in.

How he hated it! But as he was scrabbling madly ashore, his mother pulled his sister in on top of him. "Now! Grab my tail!" Mother Otter cried to her son. "And you grab his," she ordered her daughter. "And we will go swimming together."

So they did. But it took several lessons like this before Otter Cub said: "Why! I'm not scared any more. I'll challenge those Moorhens to a race."

JANE THORNICROFT

Poor seal at Deal

SWIMMING southward, a clumsy old seal
Ran ashore, and got stranded off Deal,
Where he moaned, all forlorn;
"Though an animal born,
Like a fish out of water I feel!"

THE AUTUMN ELF

I MET a small elf
One warm autumn day
In a small wood
Where I went to play.

He had pots of paint
All filled to the brim.
"Where are you going?"
I said to him.

"To paint the trees' leaves
Brown, yellow, and red.
How else do you think
Autumn comes?" he said.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Glorious Devon. Dartmoor; Plymouth; Paignton; Bideford. Riddle-me-ree. Pyramid. Jumbled proverbs. Well begun is half done; Pride goeth before a fall; Many hands make light work. Change the letters. Fireman, which re-arranged makes fern; and aim. Bouquet for mother. Chrysanthemum. Out of sports. Badminton, played with a shuttlecock; the others use a ball. Name the insect. BEETLE. R V B A A L. E E O B R A. A R N L C N. D Y Y E H D.

MIXED DOUBLES

- Him, hymn.
- Grown, groan.
- Sunday, sundae.
- Hue, hew.
- Warn, worn.
- Need, knead.

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BIG TEST FOR THE KANGAROOS

SINCE early September the 10th Australian Rugby League Touring Team—"the Kangaroos"—have been meeting our club and county sides. On Saturday they face their biggest task when they play the first Test Match against Great Britain at Swinton, Lancashire.

This will be the 61st meeting of these old R.L. rivals, and the present score is 37 wins to Great Britain and 19 to Australia with four matches drawn.

The British Lions are holders of the Rugby League "Ashes," having won two of the three Tests played in Australia in 1958, and the Kangaroos will be most anxious to get revenge for that reverse in their own country. Their task is a difficult one, for the records show that only once (as far back as season 1911-12) has an Australian side won a Test Match rubber in Britain.

Winning friends

These 1959 Kangaroos have won many friends by sticking to their promise to play open football. They are one of the youngest sides ever to visit Britain, with several 20-year-old stars in their ranks. Youngest member of the party, and also the fastest, is 19-year-old Ken Irvine, who plays on the left wing.

The skipper is that rarity in Kangaroo touring teams—a Welshman. Keith Barnes was born in Port Talbot, Glamorgan, but went to Australia as a boy of eleven. Finding no Rugby Union played in the town in which he settled, he turned to the 13-a-side game. Vice-captain is Ken Mossop, who had three seasons in British R.L. football with Leigh.

FOOTBALL SHORTS

GUILTY CONSCIENCE. A man walked into the offices of a Palermo soccer club the other day and handed over a sum of money. He explained that as a boy he never had enough money for a ticket but he always managed to squirm in.

"My conscience has been troubled about it, so here is the price of 740 entrance tickets."

LONG SERVICE. The football career of one of Argentina's most popular players came to a close the other day when goalkeeper Jose Saldumner broke his leg while training.

Jose had played in every one of his club's matches during the past 18 years.

BOTH POINTS OF VIEW. Belgium's international goalkeeper, Vanderstappen, is an expert on penalties—at saving them and scoring them. For as well as saving six of the seven penalties awarded against his club last season he also scored four. Vanderstappen is also the penalty-taker in the national side.

before returning Down-Under some three years ago.

Victory in the first Test would be a great performance by this young team of Commonwealth footballers. On the whole, though, the British team will start favourites.

Junior champion



In her first season of putting the shot, Marguerite Esser of Harrow, Middlesex, won the Southern Counties Junior Championship with a record distance of 35 feet 11½ inches. Marguerite is only fourteen and practises four nights a week

Hockey players need more funds

To prepare our team for the Olympic Games next summer, the British Hockey Board have planned a wide programme of weekend coaching and training courses, as well as international matches.

But all this costs money, so an appeal has been launched for funds. Hockey players in the four countries have been asked to subscribe 2s. 6d. a head.

ALL-ROUND ALFIE



SIR STANLEY'S PLAN FOR SPORT

LAST week we mentioned the plan of Mr. R. J. O. Meyer, headmaster of Millfield School, to build indoor training stadiums all over the country. Another man with a similar idea is Sir Stanley Rous, secretary of the Football Association.

In this year's F.A. Year Book he writes: "Each county or county borough needs to have its own sports centre, catering for all kinds of activities."

"It would have a gym, swimming bath, running track, squash courts, playing fields, and, ideally, a dance floor and other social amenities, so that it becomes in every sense a community centre as well."

It would obviously cost a great deal of money to build such centres, but it may not be too long before the dream of Sir Stanley and Mr. Meyer comes true. As we mentioned last week, Mr. Meyer is already setting about raising funds for the first one.

Best All-Rounders in Britain

MRS. BERYL BURTON of Morley, Leeds, made certain of being Britain's Best All-Round Cyclist when she recently became the first woman to ride more than 240 miles in a 12-hour time trial. She actually covered 250½ miles, thus adding another record to the 25, 50, and 100 mile records she already holds.

The men's title was won by 22-year-old Bryan Wiltcher of Romford.

The championships are decided on the speed averages of the riders' best times in a season during 50, 100 mile, and 12-hour time trials.

Torch on skis

THE torch which will burn throughout the Winter Olympic Games in Squaw Valley, California, in February, will be carried in many different ways.

From Greece it will be flown by jet to America, carried in relays by 600 High School athletes, taken to a mountain top by helicopter, and brought to the Games by a skier.



SPORTING GALLERY

RON ASHMAN

Born at Whittlesea, near Peterborough, Ron Ashman has spent his entire league football career with Norwich City, whom he joined in 1944. Last season he was captain of the gallant team that travelled so far in the F.A. Cup. Today, a stage nearer the end of a long football life, he hopes to lead the Canaries to promotion.



Originally an inside-forward, he played for Peterborough Schools in season 1938-9 and afterwards for Whittlesea A.T.C. It was then, in the early days of the War, that Norwich City first saw him. In 1948, his service with the R.A.F. at an end, he became a full-time player. Starting at centre-forward, he moved to the half-back line and eventually to full-back. He has been captain since 1953.

NEW YORK BOXERS IN LONDON

ON Friday the Royal Albert Hall stages one of London's most important amateur boxing matches for some years. It is between teams representing London and New York.

Many American amateur boxing sides have visited London in the past, but this is the first meeting

between London and New York teams. The last American civilian side to visit England was in 1955, when Britain beat a full international team by seven bouts to three.

It is hoped to arrange a return match in New York early next year.

Coach to the coaches

MR. BERT KINNAR, who swam for Britain in the 1948 Olympic Games and the 1950 Empire Games, is now Britain's No. 1 coach. He has been appointed technical adviser to the Amateur Swimming Association.

A senior lecturer at Loughborough College, Mr. Kinnear has several times been in charge of the A.S.A. advanced swimming course which most of our leading young swimmers attend each year. He is also an expert in fencing and gymnastics.

Mr. Kinnear will still run the advance courses, as well as organising training schemes and coaching Britain's coaches.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which sports stadium has been called "the stately home of English Rugby?"
2. Which county won £500 this season for the fastest 200 runs in the first innings?
3. Where has Tony Marchi of the Spurs played for the past two years?
4. Who is the only woman high-jumper who has cleared six feet?
5. Which athlete was known as "the Flying Dutchwoman?"
6. Which racing driver heads the world championship at the moment?

1. Twickenham. 2. Middlesex. 3. Italy. 4. Jolanda Balas of Rumania. 5. Fanny Blankers-Koen. 6. Jack Brabham.

